

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE IDENTIFICATION FOR NETWORKED ENVIRONMENTS

Abstract of the Disclosure

Described is an apparatus for containment of Digital Personal Identity Signatures for use in completing and signing documents in a network or Internet environment. The apparatus contains a digital signature certificate issued by a third party that is used in place of an actual signature to allow completion of binding contracts through the use of a computer used over an Internet or Intranet environment. The apparatus includes a custom designed Compact Disc containing encrypted data and software that is used to access the digital signature in a secure environment. Access to the data is provided in a secure environment by requiring the use of an access password or Personal Identification Number, an alphabetic pass phrase or, an alphanumeric pass phrase to prevent fraudulent use of the digital signature in the event of loss or theft of the apparatus.